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1.	Statement		
	Novelty	Claims 1-32	NO
	Inventive	Claims 1-32.	YES NO
	Industria	al applicability (IA) Claims1-32 Claims	YES NO
2.	Citations an	nd explanations (Rule 70.7)	
	1.	Reference is made to the following documents:	
		D1: US-A-5 724 106 (SCHINDLER JEFFREY ET AL)	
		D2: US-B1-6 463 343 (KRAFT REINER ET AL)	
		8 October 2002 (2002-10-08)	
		D3: US 2002/028418 A1 (FARAG ALY A ET AL)	
		7 March 2002 (2002-03-07).	
	2.	The present application fails to satisfy the	
		requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the	
		subject matter of the claims does not involve an	
		inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).	
	2.1	D1 is considered to be the prior art closest to	
		the subject matter of claim 1. Said document	
		discloses an input device for the activation and	
		control of functions of at least one appliance	
		(column 5, lines 65 and 66),	
		said input device comprising a first input elemen	t
		for generating navigation data for controlling a	
		pointer on a user interface that is shown on a	
		display (column 11, lines 24-29),	

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at least one second input element for generating control data, wherein functions of the appliances can be selected and/or activated independently of the navigation data generated by the first input element (column 12, lines 3-5), and

forwarding means for the wireless transmission of navigation and control data generated by means of the first and second input elements to the upstream functions unit connected to the appliances or one thereof (column 6, lines 7-8), wherein the control data generated via the second input element can be used independently of a unit

that controls the user interface for controlling the at least one appliance (column 12, lines 1-5). Although all the control data from the remote control is first forwarded to a central control unit, the control data generated via the first input element (for example the movement of a cursor, column 11, lines 24-29) can be used independently of the control data generated by the second input element (for example, for enabling and disabling a display screen, column 12, lines 1-5).

Thus, the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the disclosure of D1 in that the system is used in a dental treatment station.

The solution, as per the subject matter of claim 1 of the present application, cannot be considered

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inventive since the use of the system according to D1 in a dental treatment station merely represent the use of a known system in a similar situation (PCT Article 33(3)).

- 2.2 The same arguments apply in like manner in respect of independent claim 13. In consequence, the subject matter of said claim does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3).
- 2.3 Dependent claims 2-12 and 14-32 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer back, meet the PCT requirements for inventive step (see documents D1, D2 and D3 and the relevant passages cited in the search report).